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My dear friend, I regretted much that I missed the opportunity of seeing you & your "Saul's" far better part" when you were on here. Unfortunately I was sick at home, when at the same time I found you, John was still more so at his Lodgings, otherwise I must have seen you at Trinity, which I understand you visited. — However accept my tardy felicitations, & present the same with my respects to Mrs G; May God bless & prosper you both. — I am delighted with the first part of your Genera, which I got from Dr Sily on its advent: in my judgment, it goes ahead of any thing yet published in this Country as a classic botanical Work, & I shall be much disappointed if you do not find it warmly welcomed in Europe. — I safely received some time since the Pack of Fendler's Plants. Thank you for your Agency in the matter. I enclose you the amt. say \$40 — in Dr. of City Bk N.Y. on City Bk, Bos. in your favor for 39³⁷. The 63 cents I have paid to John which he desires me to tell you is the amt. of shipping Expenses on a Box rec^d from Engelmann for Dr. Wislizenus & shipped to Bremen. Engelmann has been advised by him of same,

John is still very weakly, having had one or two Returns of Bowel Complaint, but is I think getting better. — His low spirits prey on his Health. He told me how kindly you & Mrs. G. had pressed on him a Visit to Boston, connected with some botanical Occupation. — I think it would be very desirable for him to be told him so, as a Crest of Bread & Cheese connected with his beloved Study, would give him more Happiness than a better Employment drawn from the Pursuit of Business.

In the meantime I want you to do me a favor. — You & Mr. Olney long since proposed to him to join in the Purchase of a lot of white Paper, for your Herbaria. John's intended Size seems to be the same as yours, & I know he ^{has} not yet delayed getting any, not liking to disburse the Cost. I want to give it him, & sh^d. like to get it at once, as it w^d. furnish him Occupation just now. I should to have 7 or 8 Reams of it; perhaps you have some on hand of which you could spare me a part, & order for me from the maker, enough to replace yours & complete what I want. I offer no Excuse for troubling you in the Matter, as I know you take Pleasure in serving him. — If you can send it me, please do so by Express to Pine St. & let me

know the Cost — do not say anything to John about it as I wish to serve him up a Surprise — We go out of town next week for about a month. I shall try to get him to go with us. Believe me

Sincerely Yours,
Saml. New Laney

P. P. Fendler's specimens are (considering all Circumstances) excellent. We were both surprised to see so few southern forms & Genera.

The little Rocky Mountain fellows were very acceptable, but quite unlooked for. I am curious to know the limits of his hunting ground. S. J. C.

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